

**CLAIMS:**

1. A method of forming a transistor gate comprising:  
forming a gate oxide layer over a semiconductive substrate;  
providing chlorine within the gate oxide layer; and  
forming a gate proximate the gate oxide layer.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the chlorine is provided after forming the gate.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the chlorine is provided before forming the gate.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the chlorine is provided in the gate oxide layer to a concentration of from about  $1 \times 10^{19}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about  $1 \times 10^{21}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the gate comprises opposing lateral edges and a central region therebetween, the chlorine being provided within the gate oxide layer to a greater concentration proximate at least one of the gate edges than in the central region.

6. A method of forming a transistor gate comprising:  
forming a gate and a gate oxide layer in overlapping relation, the  
gate having opposing edges and a center therebetween; and  
concentrating at least one of chlorine or fluorine in the gate  
oxide layer within the overlap more proximate at least one of the gate  
edges than the center.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the concentrating comprises  
concentrating fluorine.

8. The method of claim 6 wherein the gate is formed to have  
a gate width between the edges of 0.25 micron or less, the  
concentrating forming at least one concentration region in the gate oxide  
which extends laterally inward from the at least one gate edge no more  
than about 500 Angstroms.

9. The method of claim 6 wherein the concentrating comprises  
diffusion doping.

10. The method of claim 6 wherein the concentrating comprises  
ion implanting.

1 11. A method of forming a transistor gate comprising:  
2 forming a gate and a gate oxide layer in overlapping relation, the  
3 gate having opposing edges and a central region therebetween; and  
4 doping the gate oxide layer within the overlap with at least one  
5 of chlorine or fluorine proximate the opposing gate edges and leaving  
6 the central region substantially undoped with chlorine and fluorine.

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8 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the doping comprises ion  
9 implanting.

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11 13. The method of claim 11 wherein the doping provides a  
12 dopant concentration in the gate oxide layer proximate the edges from  
13 about  $1 \times 10^{19}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about  $1 \times 10^{21}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>.

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15 14. A method of forming a transistor gate comprising the  
16 following sequential steps:

17 forming a gate over a gate oxide layer, the gate having opposing  
18 edges; and

19 angle ion implanting at least one of chlorine or fluorine into the  
20 gate oxide layer beneath the edges of the gate.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the angle is between from about 0.5 degrees to about 10 degrees from perpendicular the gate oxide layer.

16. The method of claim 14 further comprising annealing the gate oxide layer after the implanting.

17. A method of forming a transistor gate comprising the following sequential steps:

forming a gate over a gate oxide layer, the gate having opposing lateral edges; and

diffusion doping at least one of chlorine or fluorine into the gate oxide layer beneath the gate from laterally outward of the gate edges.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein the doping provides a dopant concentration in the gate oxide layer proximate the edges from about  $1 \times 10^{19}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about  $1 \times 10^{21}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>.

19. The method of claim 17 wherein the doping provides a pair of spaced and opposed concentration regions in the gate oxide which extend laterally inward from the gate edges no more than about 500 Angstroms.

1           20. The method of claim 17 wherein the doping provides a pair  
2 of spaced and opposed concentration regions in the gate oxide which  
3 extend laterally inward from the gate edges no more than about  
4 500 Angstroms, the concentration regions having an average dopant  
5 concentration in the gate oxide layer proximate the edges from about  
6  $1 \times 10^{19}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about  $1 \times 10^{21}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>.

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8           21. The method of claim 20 wherein the gate oxide layer  
9 between the concentration regions is substantially undoped with chlorine  
10 and fluorine.

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12           22. A method of forming a transistor gate comprising the  
13 following steps:

14           forming a gate over a gate oxide layer, the gate having opposing  
15 lateral edges;

16           forming sidewall spacers proximate the opposing lateral edges, the  
17 sidewall spacers comprising at least one of chlorine or fluorine; and

18           annealing the spacers at a temperature and for a time period  
19 effective to diffuse the fluorine or chlorine from the spacers into the  
20 gate oxide layer to beneath the gate.

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22           23. The method of claim 22 wherein after the annealing,  
23 stripping the spacers from the edges.  
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1           24. The method of claim 22 comprising forming the spacers to  
2 cover less than all of the lateral edges.

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4           25. The method of claim 22 comprising forming the spacers to  
5 overlie the gate oxide layer.

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7           26. The method of claim 22 comprising forming the spacers to  
8 not overlie any of the gate oxide layer.

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10          27. The method of claim 22 further comprising:  
11          depositing a layer of insulating material over the gate and the  
12          sidewall spacers; and  
13          anisotropically etching the layer of insulating material to form  
14          spacers over the sidewall spacers.

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16          28. The method of claim 27 wherein the annealing occurs before  
17 the depositing.

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19          29. The method of claim 27 wherein the annealing occurs after  
20 the depositing.

1 30. The method of claim 22 further comprising:  
2 providing gate oxide layer material laterally outward of the gate  
3 edges;

4 etching only partially into the gate oxide layer laterally outward  
5 of the gate edges; and

6 forming said sidewall spacers over the etched gate oxide layer  
7 laterally outward of the gate edges.

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9 31. A transistor comprising:

10 a semiconductive material and a transistor gate having gate oxide  
11 positioned therebetween, the gate having opposing gate edges and a  
12 central region therebetween;

13 a source formed laterally proximate one of the gate edges and a  
14 drain formed laterally proximate the other of the gate edges; and

15 chlorine within the gate oxide layer between the semiconductive  
16 material and the transistor gate.

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18 32. The transistor of claim 31 wherein the chlorine is provided  
19 in the gate oxide layer to a concentration of from about  $1 \times 10^{19}$   
20 atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about  $1 \times 10^{21}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>.

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33. The transistor of claim 31 wherein the chlorine is provided within the gate oxide layer to a greater concentration proximate at least one of the gate edges than in the central region.

34. The transistor of claim 31 wherein the chlorine is provided within the gate oxide layer to a greater concentration proximate the other gate edge than in the central region.

35. The transistor of claim 31 wherein the chlorine is provided within the gate oxide layer to a greater concentration proximate both gate edges than in the central region.

36. The transistor of claim 31 wherein the central region is substantially void of chlorine.



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37. A transistor comprising:

a semiconductive material and a transistor gate having gate oxide positioned therebetween, the gate having opposing gate edges and a central region therebetween;

a source formed laterally proximate one of the gate edges and a drain formed laterally proximate the other of the gate edges; and

at least one of fluorine or chlorine being concentrated in the gate oxide layer between the semiconductive material and the transistor gate more proximate at least one of the gate edges than the central region.

38. The transistor of claim 37 wherein fluorine is concentrated.

39. The transistor of claim 37 wherein chlorine is concentrated.

40. The transistor of claim 37 wherein the central region of the gate oxide layer is substantially void of chlorine and fluorine.

41. The transistor of claim 37 wherein the concentrated chlorine or fluorine is provided in the gate oxide layer to a concentration of from about  $1 \times 10^{19}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about  $1 \times 10^{21}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>.

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1           42. The transistor of claim 37 wherein the concentrated chlorine  
2 or fluorine is provided in the gate oxide layer to a concentration of  
3 from about  $1 \times 10^{19}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about  $1 \times 10^{21}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>, and  
4 wherein the central region of the gate oxide layer is substantially void  
5 of chlorine and fluorine.

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7           43. The transistor of claim 37 wherein the at least one of  
8 fluorine or chlorine is concentrated in the gate oxide layer more  
9 proximate both gate edges than in the central region.

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11           44. The transistor of claim 37 wherein the at least one of  
12 fluorine or chlorine is concentrated in the gate oxide layer more  
13 proximate at least the other gate edge.

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15           45. The transistor of claim 37 wherein the gate is formed to  
16 have a gate width between the edges of 0.25 micron or less, the  
17 concentrated at least one of fluorine or chlorine extending laterally  
18 inward from the at least one gate edge no more than about  
19 500 Angstroms.

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1        46. The transistor of claim 37 wherein the gate is formed to  
2 have a gate width between the edges of 0.25 micron or less, the  
3 concentrated at least one of fluorine or chlorine extending laterally  
4 inward from the at least one gate edge no more than about  
5 500 Angstroms with an average concentration of from about  $1 \times 10^{19}$   
6 atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> to about  $1 \times 10^{21}$  atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>.

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8        47. A transistor comprising:  
9 a semiconductive material and a transistor gate having gate oxide  
10 positioned therebetween, the gate having opposing gate edges;  
11 a source formed laterally proximate one of the gate edges and a  
12 drain formed laterally proximate the other of the gate edges;  
13 first insulative spacers formed proximate the gate edges, the first  
14 insulative spacers being doped with at least one of chlorine or fluorine;  
15 and  
16 second insulative spacers formed over the first insulative spacers.

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18        48. The transistor of claim 47 wherein the second insulative  
19 spacers at least as initially provided are substantially undoped with  
20 either chlorine or fluorine.  
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1           49. The transistor of claim 47 further comprising at least one  
2 of chlorine or fluorine within the gate oxide layer proximate the gate  
3 edges.

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5           50. The transistor of claim 47 wherein the gate oxide layer  
6 includes a central region between the opposing gate edges, and further  
7 comprising at least one of chlorine or fluorine within the gate oxide  
8 layer proximate the gate edges, the central region being substantially  
9 void of chlorine and fluorine.

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12 A2  
13 add B2  
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15 Add E  
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18 H'  
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